

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 1065

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

FUNDS/FUNDING: Provides for the Department of Justice Legal Support Fund

## 1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 49:259(B), relative to the Department of Justice Legal Support  
3 Fund, to increase the maximum allowable fund balance; to provide for an effective  
4 date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 49:259(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §259. Department of Justice Legal Support Fund

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9 B. After satisfying the requirements of the Bond Security and Redemption  
10 Fund as provided in Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, the  
11 treasurer shall pay into the fund each fiscal year an amount equal to the proceeds  
12 provided in Subsection A of this Section in an amount which is sufficient to bring  
13 the balance in the fund to ~~one~~ ten million dollars. The balance of the fund shall not  
14 exceed ~~one~~ ten million dollars. Any proceeds remaining after making the deposit  
15 into the fund shall be deposited into the state general fund.

16 \* \* \*

17 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2010; if vetoed by the governor  
18 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,  
19 2010, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Increase the maximum fund balance for the Dept. of Justice Legal Support Fund from \$1 million to \$10 million.

Present law establishes the Dept. of Justice Legal Support Fund (the fund) to be comprised of a portion of proceeds recovered by the attorney general on behalf of the state including court judgments, settlements, fines, fees, forfeitures, and penalties. Provides that monies in the fund shall be used solely for defraying the costs of expert witnesses, consultants, contract legal counsel, technology, specialized employee training and education, and public education initiatives.

Present law provides that the fund balance shall not exceed \$1 million.

Proposed law increases the maximum fund balance from \$1 million to \$10 million.

Effective July 1, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 49:259(B))